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1. The food supply of the Soviet Navy was handled efficiently by the Naval Supply Section (Otdel Snabzheniya). Food supplies for the Soviet Merchant Marine were supplied by the Office of Maritime Commerce (Kontora Torgovortransa - Torgoviya Morskogo Transporta). Funds for food supply were allocated for the Soviet Navy through the Ministry of Agricultural Procurement (Ministerstvo Zagotovok); the Navy then divided these funds among subordinate procurement offices. Both naval services ultimately procured their food funds through the Ministry of Commerce (sic; Trade, Finance?). The Soviet Navy and Merchant Marine had their own warehouses and, although the names of the naval warehouses are unknown, [redacted] furnish information on warehouses of the merchant marine in Astrakhan; they were located as follows:

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 - a. Pier 4 (pristan 4), a central base with separate affiliations in the oil port and on Zayachiy Ostrov Street; the merchant marine office was at 4 Pugachev St.
 - b. Warehouse at 13 Privolzhskiy Zaton Street.
 - c. 10 Kirov Street was the location of the largest warehouse.
2. Food provisions were concentrated in warehouses on Zayachiy Ostrov Street, eight km beyond Astrakhan and south of the Volga River. There was also a motor ship (teplokhod), the Vostok, being used as a food transport for Soviet vessels.

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The Donbas, an anchored pier (debarkader), located 112 miles from Astrakhan in the open sea, carried a superstructure of food warehouses and a staff of the Reydtanker. Another anchored pier, the Marx, lay 60 km at sea from the city of Gurev. These anchored piers were brought into Astrakhan at the end of November and towed back out to sea again early in April.

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